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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the final
Office Action having a mailing date of November 12, 1997. Also
enclosed herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time,
with authorization to debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970 for the
requisite fee, to extend the time for response from February 12,
1998, to April 12, 1998. No additional fees are believed to be due
with the filing of this Amendment and Response, but if fees are
due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please reconsider the above-identified application as follows.

REMARKS

Rejection of Claims 27-35, 37-56, 58-59 and 108 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or in the Alternative, Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 27-35, 37-56, 58-59 and 108 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), or in the alternative,

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